

# Mallard

## Male characteristics

- metallic green head and neck
- narrow white collar
- greenish-yellow bill with black tip
- chestnut breast
- blue / purple speculum with white edging
- bright orange legs and feet

## Female characteristics

- mottled brown head and body
- orange bill with spots or blotches
- bright orange legs and feet

♀ Female

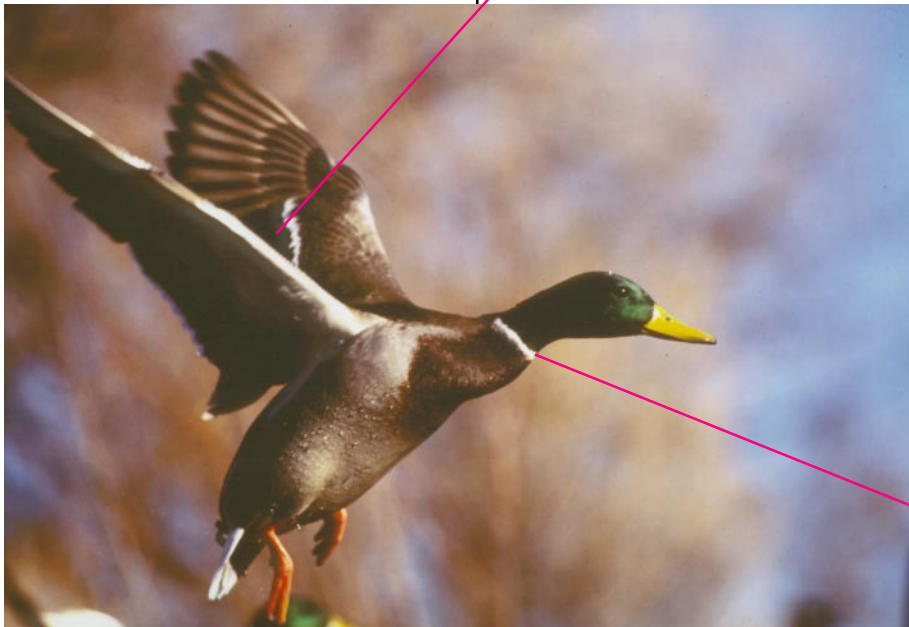
♂ Male



Photo: John Muegge

Blue speculum

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Narrow white collar

Mallards are often seen in shallow freshwater ponds, lakes, streams, and swamps.

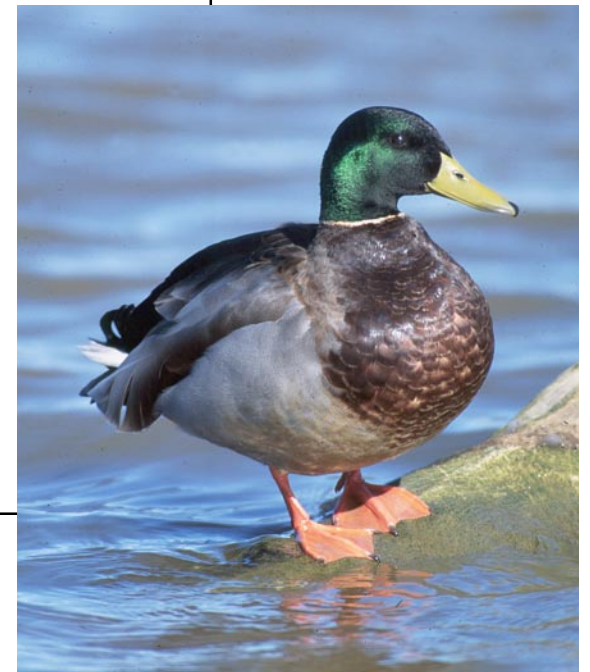


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# Canvasback

## **Male characteristics**

- cinnamon head and neck
- red eye with black pupil
- long, sloping black bill
- black breast with white body
- gray legs and feet
- short, narrow black tail

## **Female characteristics**

- brown head
- pale gray-brown body
- long, sloping black bill
- black eye

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Canvasbacks are found in deep freshwater marshes and rivers.

Male ♂

Female ♀



Photo: Stan Ray

Long, sloping black bill

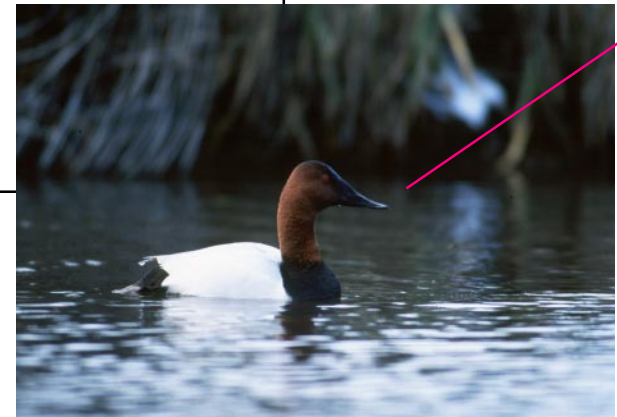


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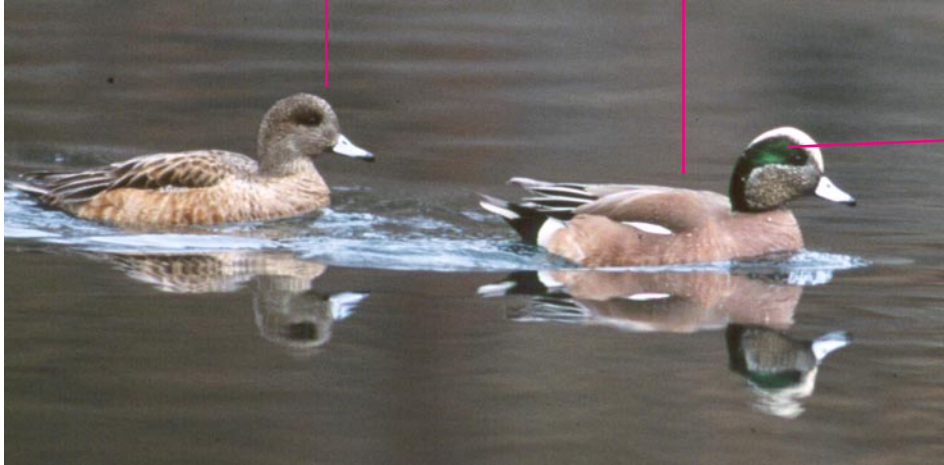


# American Wigeon

Photo: John Muegge

Female ♀

Male ♂



White forehead with  
green eye stripe

American wigeons are found in marshes and freshwater areas with exposed shoreline, lakes, and islands.

## **Male characteristics**

- white forehead with green eye stripe
- brownish cheek
- light cinnamon body
- bluish bill with black tip
- white and green patches on the wing
- black and white tail feathers
- gray feet and legs

## **Female characteristics**

- grayish head with light cinnamon body
- dark patch around the eye
- bluish bill with black tip
- bluish gray feet and legs



Photo: Frank S. Todd

# Gadwall

Photo: John Muegge



Black rump

Gadwalls live in marshes, ponds, and lakes. They often use islands for nesting.

## **Male characteristics**

- high forehead
- intricate patterns of gray on the flanks, chest, back, and head
- black bill
- white belly
- black rump
- white, black, and chestnut patches on the wing

## **Female characteristics**

- orange bill with black spots and blotches
- grayish head with brown and tan body
- yellow legs and feet
- white belly

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Male ♂

Female ♀



# Northern Shoveler

Photo: John Muegge

Male ♂



Female ♀

## **Male characteristics**

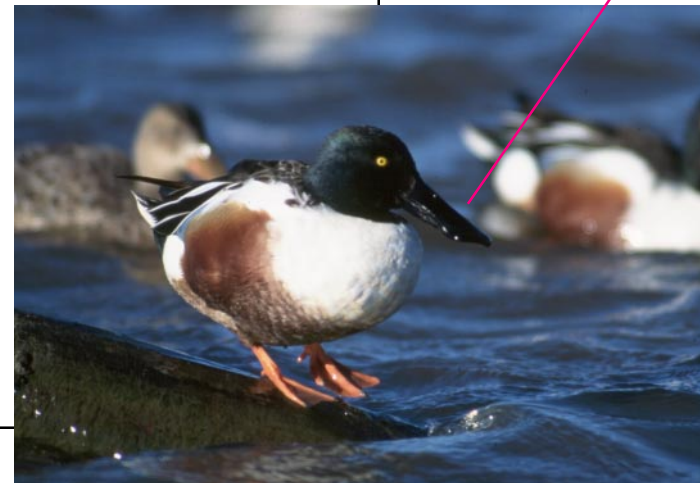
- green head and neck
- yellow eye with black pupil
- large black spoon-shaped bill
- white breast with brownish red flanks
- pale blue, white, and green patches on the wing
- short, orange legs and feet

## **Female characteristics**

- pale brown head and body
- large orange spoon-shaped bill
- orange legs and feet

Photo: John Muegge

Large black spoon-shaped bill



Northern shovelers inhabit both deep and shallow waters and prairie meadows.